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Kuwait

Amir Jabir al-Ahmad announced the dissolution of the National Assembly in a decree broadcast by Kuwait radio 3 July, stating that he and his government will henceforth assume the powers of parliament and legislate by issuing decrees and orders. He affirmed that parliamentary life cannot continue under current circumstances of "division" and "danger," in which the emergence of blocs and parties has shattered national unity and prevented the cabinet from continuing its duties. These internal divisions have emerged at a time when the country is in the throes of an economic crisis, faces "fierce external plots," and is threatened by the proximity of the Iran-Iraq war. The amir also explained his decision in a speech to the nation broadcast by the radio the same day, deploring the "arguments and rancor" between government and parliament and criticizing the latter's failure to realize that terrorism will thrive unless everyone stands together against it. He warned that the cohesiveness of Kuwaiti society has been disintegrating, with the creation of "unnecessary animosities" and the growth of sectarianism. As for the future of the parliamentary system, which he viewed as a modern means toward the attainment of the Koranic concept of "shura," the amir emphasized that he does not intend to abandon the "parliamentary march."

In other decrees broadcast by Kuwait radio, the amir accepted the government's resignation but reappointed Crown Prince Sa'd al-'Abdallah as prime minister, tasking him with the formation of a new cabinet. Another decree gave the government powers to suspend newspapers which serve foreign interests or publish material that contradicts "the national interest." In a related development, KUNA carried a decree by the information minister announcing the imposition of censorship on all periodicals as of 3 July.

The amir's decision to dissolve the National Assembly and suspend some articles of the Constitution was welcomed in Kuwaiti press editorials cited by KUNA, which noted favorable comment by *Al-Anba'*, *Al-Ra'y al-'Amm*, *Al-Siyasah*, and the *Kuwait Times*. Meanwhile, the UAE's *Al-Itihad* predicted that the amir will appoint a consultative council to assist the next government and will establish a grievances committee to hear citizens' complaints.

Iran-Iraq War

Iraq remains in "absolute control" of the Mehran operational sector, according to a senior Iraqi commander cited by INA 6 July. The commander said Iraqi forces are now stationed on hills overlooking Mehran, the same positions they occupied before taking the city. Rebutting Iran's "lies" about Mehran battle successes, another Iraqi commander said Iran has suffered unprecedented losses in the recent fighting, INA reported. In activity that day, a military communique cited by IRNA stated that Iranian aircraft bombed Iraqi troops west of Mehran. For its part, Iraq announced air strikes against three maritime targets, according to military statements reported by INA.

In 5 July fighting, Iraqi aircraft destroyed 60 Iranian vehicles, according to a communique cited by Voice of the Masses radio, while Tehran radio announced that 700 Iraqi casualties were incurred during the "liberation" of two more "sensitive" heights in the area. A military communique carried by IRNA 5 July claimed that Iraqi casualties in the Mehran offensive had risen to 6,800. Tehran radio stated earlier that 800 Iraqis were killed as Iranian forces destroyed an Iraqi presidential brigade 4 July. As for air activity, a military communique cited by IRNA stated that an Iraqi aircraft was downed by an Iranian air-to-air missile 4 July, while another Iraqi warplane was downed by anti-aircraft fire. For its part, Iraq announced in a military communique cited by Voice of the Masses that its warplanes destroyed 250 Iranian vehicles and three helicopters. Also on 4 July, Iranian naval forces hit an Iraqi ammunition ship in Khawr 'Abdallah, according to a military communique cited by IRNA, which also noted that the Iranian Navy shelled Iraqi oil installations at Al-Bakr. Meanwhile, an Iraqi spokesman denied Iranian claims about the 3 July capture of three Iraqi ships in Khawr 'Abdallah, telling INA that no such "battle" occurred.

Commenting on the fall of Mehran, the Iranian Majlis speaker in remarks reported by Tehran radio speculated that Kuwait's "political eclipse" will be seen as a result of the battle, while senior Iranian commanders cited by IRNA said the recent operations were a prelude to further large-scale Iranian offensives.

Lebanon

The arrival of Syrian special forces in West Beirut over the weekend has raised the number of Syrian troops in the area to about 3,000, Voice of Lebanon radio reported, adding that this number is expected to rise to 5,000 by the end of the month. The radio cited Syrian Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam's statement that the West Beirut security plan must be tested for 2 weeks and that Syria will send additional forces if necessary. The Syrians have deployed around the Palestinian camps, the radio disclosed, and they have also established roadblocks in the Khaldah area to prevent forces loyal to Yasir 'Arafat from infiltrating the capital along the coastal road.

Reacting to Syria's new role in the West Beirut security plan, "official sources" cited by the Voice of Lebanon stressed that the Syrian forces entered West Beirut without any decision or request by the Lebanese Government or the Supreme Defense Council. On the other hand, Prime Minister Rashid Karami praised the Syrian role in remarks reported by Beirut radio, viewing the Syrian presence in Beirut as in Lebanon's interest. For Syria's part, the chief of Syrian intelligence in Lebanon told *Al-Safir* that he brought "some security men" into Beirut in order to assist the Lebanese troops and security forces in their attempt to impose "authoritative security," according to the radio. In Israel, the IDF spokesman described the introduction of Syrian troops into Beirut as a "change in the status quo,"

adding that the IDF is closely monitoring the situation, *The Jerusalem Post* reported.

Israel

Israel and U.S. representatives have discussed Syria's responsibility for the recent attempt to sabotage an El Al plane in Madrid, Jerusalem radio disclosed, adding that the Americans asked Israel to show restraint on the matter. Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin stated earlier that the terrorist responsible for the bomb attempt received his instructions from Damascus, according to the radio. Meanwhile, Police Minister Hayim Bar-Lev confirmed reports that an IDF major is being tried in camera on charges of spying for Syria, the radio noted.

Jordan

King Husayn commented on the unrest at Al-Yarmuk University in a letter to the prime minister broadcast by Amman television 5 July, blaming "a handful of students who deviated from educational objectives" for inciting the "regrettable incidents" 13-14 May in which three students died. Nevertheless, the king added that investigations into the Al-Yarmuk incidents have convinced him of the need to "correct a number of issues" in higher education and to "fill the gaps" in the system, adding that the government has an urgent responsibility to define and fill these gaps as soon as possible.

Yemen

In an interview with Kuwait's *Al-Anba* cited by WAKH, PDRY Chairman Haydar Abu Bakr al-'Attas denied reports that efforts are under way to reconcile differences between the current PDRY leadership and former Chairman 'Ali Nasir Muhammad, disclosing that a number of people will be tried shortly for their role in the incidents last January. As for PDRY-YAR relations, a Libyan-PDRY joint communique broadcast by Tripoli radio following Al-'Attas' 2-4 July visit to Libya asserted that the summit meeting under Colonel Mu'ammarr al-Qadhafi's auspices achieved "positive results" that will consolidate the Yemeni people's security and stability, which is an essential condition for the realization of Yemeni unity.

In contrast, the UAE paper *Al-Ittihad* claimed in its weekly edition that the Yemeni summit meeting in Libya failed to yield significant results regarding national reconciliation, Yemeni unity, and the PDRY's internal problems, according to WAM.

Libya

Colonel Mu'ammarr al-Qadhafi met with Libyan Armed Forces officers in Tripoli 5 July, JANA reported, noting that the officers gave Al-Qadhafi a "pledge" never to forget the U.S. attack against him until it is avenged.

Iran

Economic Ties With Syria — Prime Minister Mir Hoseyn Musavi met with a visiting Syrian economic delegation comprising the ministers of industry, economy and foreign trade, and oil and mineral wealth, Tehran radio reported 6 July. One of the Syrian officials told Musavi that their talks in Tehran will have a positive impact on bilateral relations and will reduce the effect of "conspiracies" hatched by the common enemies of both countries. Reporting on an earlier meeting between the Syrian and Iranian oil ministers, IRNA said the two sides agreed to allow a

joint commission to review bilateral oil agreements, adding that they also expressed hope that Iranian-Syrian political and economic relations will continue to expand.

Rajavi-Arafat Talks — Mas'ud Rajavi, leader of the opposition Mojahedin-e Khalq, met with PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat in Baghdad 3 July, according to a Mojahedin communique cited by ANSA. The two sides condemned Iran's continuation of the war against Iraq, repression inside Iran, and "plots" against the PLO in Lebanon.

Saudi Arabia

Faith on Egypt — King Fahd stressed Saudi Arabia's "amity, appreciation, and respect" for Egypt during an *Al-Ahram* interview carried by MENA, stressing that "we have never been far from Egypt and its people." The king praised President Husni Mubarak's efforts to promote Egypt's progress and prosperity and his "steady steps to enable Egypt to perform its natural and leading role" in Arab, Islamic, and international issues.

Iran on Student Searches — Tehran radio's Turkish service claimed that students at King Sa'ud University in Riyadh were recently searched by security forces looking for the distributors of leaflets concerning the plight of over 100 political prisoners.

Maghreb

Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid has been ordered to rest completely for 2 weeks, according to a 5 July Presidential Palace statement cited by Algiers radio. The radio added that President Bendjedid is suffering from sciatica brought about by a slipped disc.

Morocco's King Hassan II will undertake a new U.S.-Libyan mediation effort during his upcoming visit to Washington, according to an Abu Dhabi *Al-Ittihad* report cited by WAM.

DRA

Herat Fighting — Karachi radio cited reports that current "fierce fighting" in Herat Province has caused over 500 casualties among Soviet-DRA troops. Kabul radio accused rebels of blowing up a mosque in the area.

Defector — The DRA diplomat who disappeared in Pakistan 25 June defected and left for "a European capital," the Pakistani Foreign Ministry asserted in a statement reported by AFP. The DRA had accused the CIA of kidnapping the diplomat.

Pakistan

People's Party leader Benazir Bhutto accused Pakistani Government agencies of provoking her party to armed violence, according to AFP, which said that Bhutto's 5 July nationwide "Black Day" protest marking the anniversary of the coup that brought General Ziaul Haq to power in 1977 proceeded largely peacefully.

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KYODO: Diplomat Missing in Karachi Defected to West
OWD40120 Tokyo KYODO in English 0048 GMT 4 Jul 86

[Text] Islamabad, July 3 KYODO — An Afghan official who disappeared in Karachi last month has defected to a West European country, the Pakistan Foreign Office confirmed Thursday night.

Baz Muhammad, second secretary at the Afghan Consulate in Karachi, vanished on June 25 while visiting the Belgian trade office in the city. Until Wednesday the consulate had been accusing the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) of kidnapping him.

Muhammad, who had been in Karachi for only a year, was known to possess "a wealth of information" about the Soviet and Afghan intelligence services and was suspected of being an undercover agent, according to diplomatic sources.

The Afghan Embassy in Islamabad had asked East [as received] European embassies not to grant him a visa, according to the sources.

Najibullah Meets With 'Private Entrepreneurs'
LD060710 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0509 GMT 6 Jul 86

[Text] Kabul, July 5, BAKHTAR — Comrade Najibullah, general secretary of the PDPA CC, received the representatives of traders, national capital holders and private entrepreneurs here today.

At the meeting, Comrade Najibullah described the role of the private entrepreneurs valuable in the development of the national economy and called upon them to step up their activities in supplying the required goods and in improving the country's economy and the living conditions of the people.

At the outset, Amanuddin Amio, deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers, talked about the activity of the private entrepreneurs in the socio-economic development of the country. A number of participants on behalf of the different branches of private sector in their speeches expressed their readiness to accelerate the country's economic growth.

The participants presented their problems and Comrade Najibullah issued necessary instructions to the concerned departments for their solutions.

Najibullah Receives Outgoing USSR Envoy
LD061659 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 6 Jul 86

[Text] Comrade Najibullah, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee this morning met Comrade F.A. Tabeyev, the USSR ambassador to the DRA, whose term of service in the DRA has ended, on a farewell call at the PDPA Central Committee Headquarters.

Also, Comrade Babrak Karmal, member of the Politburo of the PDPA Central Committee and president of the DRA Revolutionary Council; and Comrade Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of Politburo of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers, this afternoon met F.A. Tabeyev on a farewell call.

During the meetings, which were held in an atmosphere of sincerity and friendship, views were exchanged on the existing developing friendly and fraternal relations between the DRA and the USSR and the worthy services of F.A. Tabeyev in the course of his mission in the DRA were recalled with appreciation.

Road Construction Protocol Signed With USSR
LD062147 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 6 Jul 86

[Text] Today, 6 July, a protocol on the expansion of protocol in road construction in the DRA was concluded between the DRA and the USSR Governments by Comrade Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo and chairman of the DRA Council of Ministers; and Comrade F.A. Tabeyev, the USSR ambassador and representative extraordinary in Kabul.

During the signing ceremony president from the DRA side were: Comrade Gol Dad, vice-chairman of the Council of Ministers; Comrade Muhammad 'Aziz, vice chairman of the Council of Ministers and president of the State Planning Committee; Comrade Nazar Muhammad, the minister of construction affairs; Comrade Ghulam Faruq Yaqubi, the minister of state security; and from the Government of the USSR: Comrade [name indistinct], minister counsellor of the USSR in the DRA and Comrade [name indistinct], deputy economic counsellor of the USSR Embassy in Kabul.

'Rebels' Attack Mosque in Herat Province
LD060652 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0427 GMT 6 Jul 86

[Text] Kabul, July 5, BAKHTAR — The Afghan counter-revolutionaries, on the instigation of their imperialist masters, headed by the U.S. imperialism, shamelessly continuing terror, subversion, demolishing of mosques and sacred shrines and crimes in the DRA, once again disclosed their antagonism with the holy religion of Islam by destroying the congregational mosque of Pashtun Zerghon District of Herat Province by bomb explosions.

The Jamiyat band blasted the congregational mosque of the district during the night of June 30 and razed it to the ground which resulted in the arsoning of several volumes of the holy Koran as well.

People of the district who visited the mosque on the next day expressed their hatred and indignation toward the perpetrators of the heinous crime and considered it as a veritable hostility of the counterrevolutionaries to the holy religion of Islam.

President Returns From 3-Day Visit to Nepal

*BK031619 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT
3 Jul 86*

[Excerpt] President Ershad returned home this evening after a 3-day state visit to Nepal. He was received at the airport by two deputy chief martial law administrators, Rear Admiral Sultan Ahmed and Air Vice Marshal Sultan Mahmud.

The president was given a guard of honor by a smartly turned out contingent drawn from three services. He took the salute and inspected the guard.

Among others present at the airport to receive the president were cabinet ministers, diplomats, and high civil and military officials.

Earlier, President and Begam Raushan Ershad were given a hearty send-off at Thibhuvan International Airport in Katmandu by King Birendra Bir Vikram Shah Dev and Queen Aishwarya Rajya Laxmi Devi Shah.

Talks on Water Sharing Held With India

*BK041603 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT
4 Jul 86*

[Text] The third meeting of the India-Bangladesh joint committee of experts concluded in Dhaka today. The joint committee of experts, dealing with the complex water issue between the two countries, has decided to hold its fourth meeting in New Delhi on the 4th of next month.

The meeting discussed various issues relating to nine common rivers, including the Ganges.

A joint press statement said the meeting exchanged and reconciled the data exchanged during the earlier meetings to determine the availability of water in nine common rivers.

The talks took place in an atmosphere of cordiality and understanding. The Bangladesh side at the talks was led by the secretary in the Ministry of Flood Control and Water Resources, Mr Mohammad Ali, while the Indian side was headed by the secretary in the Ministry of Water Resources, Mr Ramaswamy Aiyar. The Indian delegation left for home this morning.

Leaders of both the delegations told newsmen at the airport prior to the departure of the Indian team that the talks made progress and they would be meeting in New Delhi for further discussions.

Meanwhile, technical experts of the two countries will meet in New Delhi from the 31st of this month.

Opposition MP's Take Oath; To Boycott Parliament

BK031449 Hong Kong AFP in English 1407 GMT 3 Jul 86

[Text] Dhaka, July 3 (AFP) — About 90 Bangladesh opposition MP's took the oath of office Thursday, but said they would go ahead with a boycott of Parliament if the government did not produce a timetable for lifting martial law.

The 300-seat Parliament was elected under martial law May 7 in polls marred by opposition allegations of wide-spread fraud and rigging by the pro-government Jatiya Party which wrested a majority with 153 seats in the House.

"There is no scope for us to sit in the Parliament," Awami League party leader Sheikh Hasina Wajed told reporters after taking the oath Thursday.

"We are certain that we are going to boycott the Parliament sessions if the government fails to come out with a specific schedule for withdrawal of martial law."

She said the opposition MP's had taken the oath "to respect the people's verdict in our favour and because we don't want to leave any legal point for the government to cancel our membership in parliament."

Analysts here said the decision to take the oath indicated that the opposition members would first try to exert further pressure on the government to lift martial law.

Some 90 opposition MP's took the oath Thursday, including 76 MP's of the Awami League, the major opposition party.

Military ruler President Hussain Mohammad Ershad had earlier promised to lift martial law after a parliamentary election.

But he has now indicated that he could not lift martial law until the new Parliament had gone into session to ratify his four years of martial law and give him indemnity for having overthrown an elected government by staging a bloodless coup in March 1982.

His close aides have told reporters recently that martial law would not be lifted until after a presidential election. Parliament would fix a date for this after it had validated President Ershad's four years in power.

Two Pakistani 'Intruders' Killed at Border*BK041605 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT
4 Jul 86*

[Text] Two intruders from Pakistan were killed and another Pakistani national apprehended in two separate incidents on the Indo-Pakistan border in last 24 hours.

According to reports reaching New Delhi, two miscreants coming from Pakistan were killed at dawn today in the Anupgarh area of Rajasthan in an encounter with the BSF [Border Security Force]. However, their accomplices managed to escape back into Pakistan.

Gandhi Claims Improvement in Punjab Situation*BK060945 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT
6 Jul 86*

[Text] The prime minister has said reports from Punjab indicate that measures to curb terrorist activities have yielded some results. Several terrorists, including some hard core ones, have been captured or killed during the past 10 days. Mr Rajiv Gandhi was speaking to newsmen at Delhi airport on his return from a 2-day visit to Mauritius. He said that the Center is fully committed to providing all possible help to the Punjab government in restoring normalcy in the state. Whatever assistance was asked for had been given.

Apart from Punjab, the prime minister answered questions on South Africa, Diego Garcia and the Indian Ocean. On implementation of the UN resolution declaring the Indian Ocean as a zone of peace, Mr Gandhi said that an international conference for the purpose should have been held and it should be convened. Earlier, the prime minister was received by several members of his cabinet and other dignitaries.

Continuing Reportage on Situation in Punjab State**Migrants Assured of Help***BK030339 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT
3 Jul 86*

[Text] The union home minister, Mr Buta Singh, and the Punjab chief minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, yesterday visited some of the places in New Delhi where migrants from Punjab are staying. The visit followed Mr Barnala's meeting with the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, who urged the chief minister to visit the migrant families along with the home minister and assure them of all help and protection.

Mr Buta Singh and Mr Barnala appealed to the migrant people to return to their home state. They also assured them of every possible help to ensure their security and the protection of their lives and property. The migrant people explained their difficulties to the leaders. The lieutenant governor of Delhi, Mr H.K.L. Kapoor, was also present.

Earlier talking to newsmen, Mr Barnala said that the law and order situation in the state is improving following certain steps

taken by the law enforcing agencies. He said the government will take all possible steps to check the migration of people of the minority community from sensitive areas. Mr. Barnala said steps are also afoot to bring back to their homes all those families which had migrated from Punjab to other states.

Mr Barnala has called a meeting of the working committee of his party in Chandigarh this afternoon. All India Radio's Chandigarh correspondent understands that the meeting, apart from reviewing the latest law and order situation in the state, will also discuss the situation created by the summoning of the delegate's session of the party by the breakaway group in Anandpur Sahib on Saturday [5 July].

'Restricted Area' for Foreigners*BK030929 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT
3 Jul 86*

[Text] The president of the Akali Dal, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala, has called a meeting of the working committee of his party in Chandigarh this afternoon. All India Radio Chandigarh correspondent understands that the meeting apart from reviewing the latest law and order situation in the state will also discuss the situation created by the summoning of the delegate session of the party by the breakaway group in Anandpur Sahib on Saturday.

Meanwhile, curfew has been further relaxed in Amritsar and Nakodar towns. In Amritsar, it has been relaxed for 10 hours from 0900, while in Nakodar for 12 hours from 0700.

The state will continue to remain as a restricted area for foreigners till the 2d of October. According to a government press release, no foreign passport holder can enter the state without obtaining specific permission.

1 Killed; 5 'Extremists' Arrested*BK031615 Hong Kong AFP in English 1602 GMT 3 Jul 86*

[Text] New Delhi, July 3 (AFP) — Suspected Sikh militants gunned down one person in Punjab on Thursday while five suspected extremists were arrested in a separate incident, the PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) said. Three unidentified men shot dead a local Sikh resident, Harbans Singh, while he was asleep at home early Thursday in Gulami village in Ferozepur District, PTI quoted officials in the state capital Chandigarh as saying. The attackers escaped.

Five people, including three from Ferozepur District, were arrested for allegedly procuring arms from a local police head constable. The policeman had been charged with supplying arms to Sikh militants from the Ferozepur armoury, PTI quoted a police spokesman as saying.

In New Delhi, the government announced that a ban on foreigners visiting Punjab without official permission had been extended for a further three months to October 2. The ban has been clamped across the northern state because of continuing violence connected with a separatist campaign by militant Sikhs.

Foreign Ministry Reports Afghan Consul's Defection
NC032003 Paris AFP in English 1938 GMT 3 Jul 86

[Text] Islamabad, July 3 (AFP) — The Pakistani Foreign Ministry has confirmed that an Afghan consul-general missing from Karachi since last week has defected, the Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) reported on Thursday.

Baz Muhammad Rahyab, 30, a second secretary in charge of the Afghan Consulate in Karachi, mysteriously disappeared last June 25 from the Belgian Trade Commission's office after reportedly selling his Toyota car to a lady diplomat upon receiving his transfer order from Kabul. The Pakistani press reported that Mr. Baz was unwilling to return to Kabul.

But the acting Afghan consul-general, Ghulam Hassan, told a news conference in Karachi that Mr. Baz whom it described as a "good comrade" and a "faithful officer" had been kidnapped by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) with the help of Belgians and Pakistani intelligence. U.S. Embassy sources in Islamabad earlier dismissed the kidnapping charge as "preposterous."

Eight days after the incident, a Foreign Office spokesman here confirmed that Mr. Baz had left "for a European capital shortly after his disappearance in Karachi." He did not elaborate. But APP quoted informed sources as saying that the report confirmed rumours that "the Afghan diplomat has defected" and that the kidnapping charge levelled by his colleagues had been proved to be "wild allegation." The agency did not say which country had offered him asylum.

Protest Lodged With Afghan Envoy on 1 Jul Shelling
BK040226 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 4 Jul 86

[Text] Afghan armed forces on last Tuesday [1 July] fired some shells and rockets on the (Shilman) area, north of Landi Kotal in the Khyber Agency, injuring one soldier of the Frontier Corps. The Afghan charge d'affaires was summoned to the Foreign Office in Islamabad yesterday and a strong protest was lodged with him on this incident.

Police, Opposition Party Clash; Casualties Noted
NC052027 Paris AFP in English 2020 GMT 5 Jul 86

[Text] Islamabad, July 5 (AFP) — Several people were reported killed and wounded Saturday in the first direct clash between police and supporters of the opposition Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), party sources said.

The clash, in southern Sind Province, a PPP stronghold, was the first of its kind since the return to Pakistan last April of Benazir Bhutto, who had been in self-imposed exile in Europe. Ms Bhutto, 33, is the daughter of the executed former premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

The clash came as the PPP observed "Black Day" to protest the nine-year rule of President Mohammad Ziaul Haq, who over-

threw Mr Bhutto on July 5, 1977. The Black Day call was given by Ms Bhutto to demonstrate her party's strength, and to press her demand for polls this autumn after President Zia rejected her demand for polls before those scheduled in 1990.

General Zia has charged that her campaign is being financed by the Soviet Union and Libya. He has said it would run out of steam unless she resorted to violence.

Ms Bhutto, who has consistently asked her backers to remain peaceful, has alleged that Gen Zia was provoking her party to find a pretext to reimpose martial law, which he lifted last December 30. Heeding her call to demonstrate Saturday, thousands of PPP militants carrying black banners and wearing black armbands took to the streets throughout the country.

Protest rallies were held in big cities where leaders strongly criticised President Zia's policies. People in several small towns of Bhutto's home province Sind closed their shops while the Karachi-Hyderabad highway also remained closed for traffic, the sources said.

Ms Bhutto, attending a labour rally in Karachi, criticised the government's economic policy. She said it had "deteriorated" the workers and peasants' lot favouring only the rich and affluent.

While protestors in most of the places remained peaceful, activists in Tando Mohammed Khan, a small town 120 miles north of Karachi clashed with police, reports reaching here said. While unofficial reports put the death toll at up to four, a district administration's communique confirmed one person died and eight were wounded including five police. It said a crowd had violated an agreement which would have kept protestors outside the main bazaar area. Members of the crowd were said to have opened fire and snatched a rifle and a gun from police constables. Police fired tear gas shells but when the crowd did not disperse they opened fire in "self defence" resulting in the casualties, the statement said.

In Rawalpindi, about 15 kms (nine miles) from the capital, party activists rally attended by thousands of people burnt an American flag and hanged the effigy of President Zia to register their anger against their leader's execution on a political murder charge two years after the military coup.

The president, who is facing the first political challenge, in a recent interview with the *Newsweek* magazine has said he was not scared of Ms Bhutto. "Bhutto cannot ride the high tide for very long," he said adding that if she resorts to violence "the law will take its own course".

Bhutto Claims Government Provocation
NC062002 Paris AFP in English 1954 GMT 6 Jul 86

[Text] Islamabad, July 6 (AFP) — Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto Sunday accused government agencies of provoking her Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) workers to armed conflict during a protest that left a party activist dead. The nationwide protest against the nine-year rule of President Mohammad Ziaul Haq was held Saturday.

Miss Bhutto had called the "Black Day" protest to express the party's indignation over a military coup by Gen Zia which toppled her late father Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's civilian government on July 5, 1977.

The protest largely went peacefully nation-wide. But a party worker was killed and eight persons, including five policemen, were wounded in an exchange of fire in Tando Mohammed Khan. Official sources said the marchers, insisting on changing the agreed route of their procession, snatched arms from police who then opened fire in "self-defense" resulting in the casualties.

Miss Bhutto, at a news conference, accused official agencies of provoking the violence, and said the PPP would maintain "peaceful pressure" for elections next fall.

Noorani Denies Allegation on Arms Supply to Sikhs
BK031549 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT
 3 Jul 86

[Excerpts] The National Assembly conducted non-official business in Islamabad today. The session in the House adjourned until Sunday morning while a discussion on Haji Mohammad Saifullah Khan's motion about the country's judicial system was in progress.

Speaking on identical adjournment motions sought to be moved by Chowdhury Mumtaz Ahmed Tarar, Sheikh Rashid Ahmad, and Begam Ishrat Ashraf, the minister of state for foreign affairs, Zain Noorani, categorically stated that Pakistan strictly observes the principle of noninterference in internal affairs of all other nations, including India.

He said the disturbance in eastern Punjab [Indian state] is purely a local affair, but India has always been persistent in presenting domestic problems in a wrong manner.

The minister of state for foreign affairs described as totally baseless the allegation published in an Indian newspaper that

Pakistan is providing arms to [Indian] Sikhs. The movers did not press their motions after the statement of the minister.

Continuing Reportage on Afghan Mujahidin Operations

Mujahidin Repulse Attack in Paktia
BK041601 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT
 4 Jul 86

[Text] According to reports received from Afghanistan, the mujahidin repulsed an attack by Kabul troops on their stronghold in the (Sarumand) region of Paktia Province on the 13th of last month.

During the fight, which lasted from dusk to dawn, Kabul troops were supported by bombers and military gunships. With fierce resistance, the mujahidin forced the attacking force to flee. The reports say that two helicopters were used to transfer dead bodies and injured troops. The mujahidin seized a large number of arms, including a wireless set and a rocket launcher.

'Fierce Fighting' in Herat Province
BK051532 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT
 5 Jul 86

[Text] Reports from Afghanistan say fierce fighting is continuing between Afghan mujahidin and the Soviet-Kabul forces in Herat Province in which more than 500 Soviet-Kabul troops have been killed or wounded so far. The fighting reportedly began after an attack on the mujahidin's positions in the Herat area by the Soviet-Kabul forces, which are being supported by hundreds of tanks, armored vehicles, and aircraft.

The mujahidin have destroyed a number of tanks and armored personnel carriers in this fighting. They have also captured 25 Soviet-Kabul military posts and liberated certain areas in the outskirts of Herat city.

NEPAL

AFP: Bangladesh's Ershad Concludes Visit, Departs
BK031443 Hong Kong AFP in English 1311 GMT 3 Jul 86

[Text] Katmandu, July 3 (AFP) — President Hussain Mohammad Ershad of Bangladesh left here for home Thursday at the end of a three-day state visit to Nepal. Mr. Ershad was seen off at the airport by King Birendra and Queen Aishwarya, Prime Minister Man Mohan Singh Shrestha and other government officials.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Ershad visited the ancient city of Bhaktapur, where he was welcomed by the mayor and Keshar Bahadur Bista, minister for culture and education. Mr. Ershad and his wife watched a presentation of traditional folklore performed by local artisans in the courtyard of the 15th century Nyatapola temple.

During a meeting Tuesday, King Birendra and Mr. Ershad discussed international issues, including Soviet influence in the region, sources said. The two men also reviewed progress following the Dhaka summit meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), they added.

Bangladesh Foreign Minister Humayun Rashid Chowdhury and his Nepalese counterpart, Shilendra Kumar Upadhyaya, also held talks, discussing the role of women in development, technical and economic cooperation in SAARC and prevention of terrorism and drug trafficking, a Nepalese official said.

SRI LANKA

President Discusses New Ethnic Proposals With Parties
BK031125 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 3 Jul 86

[Text] Cabinet discussed some of the details of the new package of proposals to solve the ethnic problem at its weekly meeting yesterday. Cabinet spokesman Dr Anandattissa de Alwis told newsmen that President Jayewardene confirmed that he was holding separate talks with political parties on the proposals.

Mr Jayewardene said he was open to discussions with others as well, including the Mahanayakes (Buddhist priests) and religious groups. Such discussions will be held at the BMICH [Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall] in Colombo. The president will also address the executive committee of the United National Party giving details of the new proposals.

Mr Jayewardene noted that there were many aspects of the proposals which are likely to need adjustment. For example, the future of the district councils would have to be decided upon. Another issue to be considered is whether the MPs in these district councils will continue to be members of the future provincial councils.

The president has also requested the minister of cultural affairs, E.L.B. Hurulle, and the minister of agricultural development and

research and food, Gamini Jayasuriya, to explain the new proposals to many members of the Mahasangha [Buddhist clergy] as soon as possible.

Indian Envoy Meets With President, Bandaranaike
BK051006 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 5 Jul 86

[Text] The Sri Lankan president has expressed the hope that the Tamil United Liberation Front will participate in the political parties conference in Colombo when it resumes its sitting on the 15th of this month. Mr Jayewardene conveyed this hope to the Indian high commissioner in Sri Lanka, Mr J.N. Dixit, when he called on him yesterday.

The All India Radio Colombo correspondent, Prabon Majumder, reports that the Indian high commissioner also met the Sri Lanka Freedom Party leader, Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike, in Colombo to seek her reaction to the proposal.

Mr Dixit requested Mrs Bandaranaike to give encouragement to peace (?efforts).

Meanwhile, leaders of five Sri Lankan Tamil militant groups met the Tamil Nadu chief minister, Mr M.G. Ramachandran, last evening at his residence in Madras. They conveyed their opinion on the latest Sri Lankan government proposals on the ethnic issue.

The chief minister will hold further discussions with them today and convey their views to the union government.

Sinhala Residents, Indian Workers Clash
BK041337 Hong Kong AFP in English 1321 GMT 4 Jul 86

[Text] Colombo, July 4 (AFP) — Police reinforcements were rushed to a tea-growing area in central Sri Lanka Friday following clashes between Tamil plantation workers from India and Sinhala residents, official sources said.

Forty houses were set ablaze during the fighting, which started as a private quarrel between a Tamil plantation worker and a Sinhala shop owner, the sources said.

Police reinforcements had been sent to the area, near the town of Pundaluoya in central Sri Lanka, and a curfew had been put in place in an effort to bring the situation under control, a senior police officer said.

The Ceylon Worker's Congress (CWC), a trade union representing plantation workers of Indian origin, sent senior union officials to Pundaluoya Friday to help mediate between plantation workers and Sinhala residents, trade union officials said.

The CWC Thursday also urged Foreign Minister Shahul Hameed and a Defence Ministry official, General Sepala Attygala, to strengthen security in the area, trade union sources said.

Khomeyni Approves Appointment of Commander
LD031242 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT
 3 Jul 86

[Text] Following the ratification of the articles of association of the Islamic Revolution Committees by the Majlis and its approval by the Council of Guardians, according to which the senior commander of the Islamic Revolution Committees should be appointed by the interior minister subject to the approval of the leadership, Interior Minister Mohtashami has nominated Hujjat ol-Islam Seyyed Serajoddin Musavi as overall commander of the Islamic Revolution Committees to the imam of the ummah, who approved his appointment. The text of the imam's approval is as follows:

In His exalted name. It is hereby approved. I pray to God Almighty for his success in the service of Islam and of the country.

[Signed] Ruhollah Musavi Khomeyni, 2 July 1986

Musavi: 'Karbala'-1' Start of 'Powerful Offensive'
LD031924 Tehran IRNA in English 1920 GMT 3 Jul 86

[Text] Tehran, July 3, IRNA — Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi Wednesday said that Iran's 'Karbala'-1 Operation, which resulted in liberation of Mehran, was the start of a powerful offensive to reach the holy city of Karbala' in Iraq. Addressing a group of officials from Mustazafin and Shahid Foundations here, Musavi said Iraq started its futile military activities along the 1,200 kms war fronts after the February 9 Iranian liberation of Al-Faw to prevent Muslim combatants from launching large-scale operations. Iraqi forces in Mehran were attacked by Iranian Muslim combatants Monday night and suffered considerable casualties and losses in the fighting.

Musavi said Iraq's capturing of Mehran, was intended to show its supporters that Iraq was capable of resisting Iran and probably achieving victory, but Iran's latest victories foiled this dream.

Calling upon reliable sources Musavi said that the two missiles launched by Iranian forces last week had targeted the heart of Kirkuk oil installations destroying vast parts of them. He said a news film taken by a German correspondent from the burning installations indicated that Iranian combatants were capable of attacking any target inside Iraq.

Musavi on 'Fatal Blow' to Iraqi Presidential Guards
LD061645 Tehran IRNA in English 1630 GMT 6 Jul 86

[Text] Tehran, July 6, IRNA — Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi said here Sunday that Iran will continue to gain "crucial" victories in the Iraqi-imposed war as long as it mobilizes its potential and continues dispatching volunteer forces to the fronts. The prime minister made the remark toward the end of Sunday's cabinet session. He added that tactics used by Iranian combatants in the war fronts indicate their high morale and their ability to make lightning attacks.

Muslim forces of Iran, Musavi noted, dealt a fatal blow to Iraq's strongest military units, the Presidential Guards in their Karbala'-1 operations last week. The low morale of the Iraqi Presidential Guards reflected the weakness of the whole Iraqi Army, the prime minister said.

Majlis Speaker Assesses Mehran Successes in Sermons
LD041225 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT
 4 Jul 86

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, the crowds at today's Friday prayers congregation in Tehran chanted the slogans "O, You combatants of Islam, thank you, thank you" and "O, you combatants of Islam, God be with you" to show their gratitude to the epic-makers of the victorious "Karbala'-1" operations. During these religious-political ceremonies, Hujjat ol-Islam Hashemi-Rafsanjani described the objectives of the "Karbala'-1" operations and said:

These operations and the victory gained are important for several reasons. They are significant politically and militarily. Explaining the geographical position of Mehran, the speaker of the Islamic Majlis said: The heights south of Qalawizan were among the heights retained by Iraq and the objective of the "Karbala'-1" operations was to capture them. These operations showed that when the Iraqis come out of their bunkers and fortifications, they become very vulnerable; and when they came out of their trenches in a so-called mobile defense, they were routed and suffered heavy blows during the past 2 or 3 months, examples of which we witnessed recently in Hajj 'Umran and today in Mehran. The Majlis speaker added: Had the Iraqis remained in Qalawizan, we might have not attacked them for the time being. But they blundered and paid a heavy price for it.

Hujjat ol-Islam val-Moslemin Hashemi-Rafsanjani went on: Statistics show that so far we have taken 1,200 prisoners, and they have not been fully counted yet. There are countless number of weapons captured as booty. The Iraqi casualties number more than 5,000, and this is the figure announced so far. The Iraqi losses have been so devastating that they were forced to bring two brigades of the Presidential Guards and last night our forces destroyed both brigades before they had a chance to organize themselves in military formation. So far 14 or 15 skilled Iraqi brigades, comprising both armored and infantry commandos, have been destroyed in the Mehran sector.

Hujjat ol-Islam Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: From the military point of view Iraq has suffered a heavy defeat by losing Qalawizan, manpower and many resources, and by the 60 to 70 tanks captured intact by our forces and about 60 tanks and personnel carriers destroyed. Iraq has also lost many vehicles, heavy engineering plants, anti-aircraft guns and ammunition to our forces, which is a financial blow to them.

Analyzing the political aspect of Iraq's defeat in Mehran, the imam's representative to the Supreme Defense Council said: This defeat harmed Iraq in several ways. Up to now Iraq has claimed that it was defending itself inside its own territory, but we knew it was telling lies since Naft-e Shah is still occupied by Iraq. In any case, by the capture of Mehran, Iraq lost all its claims and

the question now facing Iraq is how to justify its losses in Mehran to the people and the Ba'th party. If Iraq's political problems were 50 percent of all its problems up to yesterday, today they are 100 percent of its difficulties. Another loss incurred by Iraq during these operations is the fact that now Iraq's supporters have learned that Iraq is not capable of standing against us. We have demonstrated to the world that the Islamic Republic of Iran can defeat Iraq in all terrains — on the plains, on the heights and on the water. Their examples are the several "Val-Fajr" operations and the recent "Karbala'-1."

Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani added: We shall soon witness the outcome of this political blow on Iraq's supporters and international relations, which no doubt will also bring military weakness. Maybe Kuwait's political eclipse will be an outcome of the recent Iraqi defeat in Mehran.

The imam's representative to the Supreme Defense Council, stressing that our demands remain the same as before, said: The Iraqi Ba'th party and Saddam should be eliminated and our losses should be paid for. He added: This victory demonstrates the might and solidarity of the Islamic Republic and is a sign of Iraq's weakness and vulnerability. The world should realize this and stop making these two nations and the region unsafe.

Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: Because of the situation at the fronts, the more forces that go to the front, the higher the chances our combatants will have for achieving victory. Officials should have enough forces on every front and there is no other alternative but keeping the people, and particularly the trained forces, on the front to give the combatants full scope.

Referring to the conspiracies by global arrogance which is trying to impose economic pressure on our nation by reducing oil prices, Mr Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: The appropriate solution is to end the war with victory before the economic pressure starts affecting us.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

4,500 Iraqis Killed

LD031729 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 3 Jul 86

[Excerpt] Following the liberation of 250 square kms of the frontier areas of our country and Iraq, which was carried out during three stages of the "Karbala'-1" operations in Mehran operational region, the mighty Islamic forces brought tens of frontier villages and hamlets into their machine gun firing range from the bases on the highest point in the region, Qalavizan Height, situated 16 km from Basrah.

The warriors of Allah, last night and today killed and injured another 700 of the aggressor Saddamists, dealing devastating blows to the Zionist Army of Iraq. The iron-willed men of the army of monotheism this morning destroyed 80 tanks and personnel carriers; took intact 65 tanks, 12 engineering vehicles, 60 mortar launchers, 5,000 pieces of light weaponry — including RPG's and Kalashnikovs — and machine guns, 18 ammunition dumps, and 20 anti-aircraft guns, dealing further blows at the

body of Saddam's deceived army. Furthermore, today hundreds of the Ba'thist aggressors were captured by the ever victorious warriors of Islam. These prisoners include many officers. Since this afternoon, the victorious Islamic forces have brought under their fire the positions, fortifications, and equipment of the Zionist enemy and have been maintaining close watch on any enemy movement.

From the beginning of the victorious "Karbala'-1" operation, more than 4,500 of the deceived Saddamists have been killed and injured, and more than 1,100 servicemen have been captured by the victorious forces of Islam.

Iraqi Counteroffensive Repelled

LD032010 Tehran IRNA in English 1933 GMT 3 Jul 86

[Text] Tehran, July 3, IRNA — Iranian Muslim combatants beat back a futile Iraqi counteroffensive in Qalavizan, Mehran region Thursday. Iraqi forces suffered numerous casualties and losses during the operation. Muslim combatants also cleared several kilometers of mine fields erected by Iraqi forces in the region. Muslim combatants captured Qalavizan, overlooking the Iraqi town of Badrah, 135 km east of Baghdad Wednesday.

Communique Claims Advances in Mehran

LD032138 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 3 Jul 86

[Text] The sixth communique by Khatam ol-Ambyia' Headquarters, the Center for the Joint Operations of the Islamic Republic of Iran Armed Forces and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, was issued tonight as follows: In the name of Allah, the warriors of monotheism's army have yet again created another epic by stationing their forces throughout the liberated region of "Karbala'-1" operational region and by maintaining complete control over the whole area. Thus they remove any chance that the defeated army of the Zionist regime in Iraq will stage any moves.

Following the third stage in their victorious "Karbala'-1" operations, the heroic defenders of the Islamic country have continued their mopping up operations throughout the region and succeeded in approaching other positions across the border, killing and injuring a number of Iraqi servicemen. So far, the total enemy losses since the beginning of the "Karbala'-1" operations surpass 4,500. The Islamic forces, during their mopping up operations in the operational region, succeeded in capturing a number of enemy forces and transporting them to the rear lines. The total number of Iraqi POW's captured during the victorious operations reached 1,120.

The ever-victorious Islamic forces in the course of the operations succeeded in knocking out the remainder of the defeated enemy forces and liberating tens of km in this region and imposing their complete control over the zone. More than 250 square km of the Mehran region have been liberated by the monotheism army after recapturing Mehran and advancing into designated areas. During the operations, the Islamic forces managed to set ablaze

and destroy more than 90 tanks and personnel-carriers, hundreds of vehicles and engineering combat vehicles.

Furthermore, the Islamic combatants captured intact more than 65 tanks and personnel-carriers, 18 large ammunition dumps, 10 engineering vehicles, 20 anti-aircraft guns, 90 mortar-launchers and thousands of items of light weaponry and RPG's belonging to brigades and battalions that were destroyed.

The God-seeking forces of Islam, relying on the beneficent prayers of the Hezbollah nation, have praised Almighty God for aiding them to show the resolute will of the ummah of Islam for repelling any aggressions against the Islamic country. They not only have liberated Mehran from the Saddamist forces but, have liberated some strategic heights and areas of the region along the border and inside Iraq, thus bringing these zones under their complete control following their shining victory during "Karbala'-1" operations. The beneficent prayers of the Hezbollah nation be with the warriors of the Islamic forces.

Presidential Guard Brigade Destroyed

*NC040535 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT
4 Jul 86*

[Text] On the basis of the latest information from the Khatam ol-Anbiya' Headquarters, and the Center for Joint Operations of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Revolution Guards Corps and Armed Forces, we report that the forces of Islam consolidated their positions last night in the areas conquered during the "Karbala'-1" operation. At the same time, they thwarted an abortive attack by the Zionist enemy which, by using units of Saddam's Presidential Guard, had attempted to advance. With their continuous vigilance, the forces of Islam spotted the enemy activity, and crushed it completely.

The 4th Brigade of the Iraqi Presidential Guard was totally destroyed. More than 800 of its men were killed, and a large number of others were captured and evacuated to the rear. Also, after crushing and defeating the enemy aggressors, the fighters of Islam succeeded in frustrating the efforts of the Iraqi Presidential Guard's 5th Brigade, which had been sent into the arena in order to help the destroyed 4th Brigade. Forty percent of its men have been either killed or wounded thus far. The Khatam ol-Anbiya' Headquarters has called on the remnants of the Iraqi Presidential Guard, and especially the defeated 5th Brigade, which has now suffered a heavy blow in the "Karbala'-1" operational area, to surrender to the forces of Islam. Thus, they will either be freed from the clutches of the Ba'thist-Zionist Iraqi regime, or they will face the rage of the blasphemy fighters of the Islamic Army and be killed.

Guards Brigade HQ Occupied

*LD040803 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0730 GMT
4 Jul 86*

[Text] According to the latest report reaching us from the Khatam ol-Anbiya' Headquarters, the Center for Joint Operations of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, following the beginning of

the fourth phase of the victorious "Karbala'-1" operation and the total smashing of desperate moves by the enemy forces, Islam's God-seeking combatants have just succeeded in assaulting the depth of the positions of the defeated Iraqi forces and after advancing inside Iraqi territory have fully occupied the headquarters of the destroyed 4th Presidential Guards Brigade. The intrepid men of the monotheistic army, these marchers toward Husaynite Karbala', have also succeeded, following the total destruction of the 4th Presidential Guards Brigade of Iraq and the annihilation of hundreds of its troops, in opening fire on the forces of the 5th Presidential Guards Brigade of Iraq, which was dispatched to the area to assist the defeated Iraqi forces, and in destroying more than 50 percent of that brigade.

Succor from God and an early victory! [Koranic verse]

Iraqis Urged To Defect

*LD040829 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0750 GMT
4 Jul 86*

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Excerpts] The victorious Muhammadan army under the green banner of monotheism, armed with mountain-like resolve, is now moving forward. It is moving forward in order to raise aloft the banner of Islam in the heart of the army of blasphemy; it is coming to irrigate Karbala', this bloody desert, avenging the blood of Husayn with the blood of the infidels! In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Fight them until there is no sedition left and until the whole of religion belongs to Allah! [Koranic verse]

O duped Iraqi soldiers! O forces of the Iraqi Presidential Guards! O forces of the 5th Iraqi Presidential Guards! Now that the victorious Islamic forces, totally dominant over the the Mehran region during the "Karbala'-1" operation, are smashing any move by the defeated Iraqi army with the utmost vigor it is up to you, in order to save yourselves from the talons of the Iraqi Ba'thist Zionist regime and to save your lives from certain death, to speedily join the ever-victorious forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran and to join the loving embrace of the mighty warriors of the Islamic army; otherwise, you will confront the wrath of the anti-blasphemy forces of the monotheistic army and, like other forces of the Iraqi Presidential Guards, you will be annihilated! There is no victory except from God, the glorious, the wise! [Koranic verse]

[Signed] The Khatam ol-Anbiya' Headquarters, the Center for Joint Operations of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Deep Penetration Into Iraqi Positions

*LD040838 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0814 GMT
4 Jul 86*

[Unscheduled announcement]

[Text] Dear listeners, please pay attention to a news item received from the Khatam ol-Anbiya' Headquarters a short while ago. The warriors of the army of monotheism, following their victories

last night and this morning in the "Karbala'-1" operational region, have penetrated deep into the positions of the defeated Iraqi forces knocking out the 4th and 5th Brigades of the Presidential Guards of Iraq and capturing two of the brigades' bases. More than 1,500 enemy servicemen have been killed, injured, and captured.

[Signed] The Khatam ol-Anbiya' Headquarters, the Center for Joint Operations of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Fourth Phase of 'Karbala'-1' Operations

LD041104 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT
4 Jul 86

[From the news headlines]

[Text] The combatants of Islam launched the fourth phase of the "Karbala'-1" operations on the other side of Qalawizan heights, inside Iraqi territory, last night. The combatants of Islam captured new positions on the other side of Qalawizan heights and are now deployed 15 km from the Iraqi city of Badrah.

During these operations, the warriors of Islam killed or wounded more than 1,600 Iraqi troops, bringing the total number of losses and casualties suffered by the Iraqi Zionist forces to more than 6,100.

The forces of Islam also succeeded in capturing more than 100 Zionist enemy troops, bringing the total number of Iraqi POW's taken since the start of these operations to 1,230.

The combatants of Islam repelled a counterattack by the Iraqi Presidential Guard and completely wiped out the 4th and 5th Brigades of this guard.

The forces of Islam also captured the headquarters of the 4th and 5th Brigades of the Iraqi Presidential Guard.

While destroying the Zionist enemy's positions, the warriors of Islam succeeded in killing Staff Brigadier General Qadir 'Ali Nasar, commander of the 4th Brigade of the Presidential Guard, his deputy, Staff Lieutenant Colonel Muhammad, and several high-ranking commanders of this guard.

The Corps of Islam also captured the tactical headquarters of the 17th Armored Division and the 3d Brigade of the Iraqi Special Forces and succeeded in destroying the 65th, 95th, and 24th Mechanized Brigades of the 10th Division of the Zionist enemy by up to 50 percent.

At 0515 this morning, an Iraqi fighter plane was downed by the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the country's northwestern sector.

The War Information Headquarters has invited all foreign correspondents to inspect the recent victories of the warriors of Islam in the "Karbala'-1" operational zone.

Troops Advance Towards Badrah

LD041148 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT
4 Jul 86

[Communique No 8 (number as heard) of the Khatam-ol-Anbiya' Headquarters, the Center for Joint Operations of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Fight them until there is no more sedition and until religion belongs to God in its entirety! [Koranic verse]

O heroic Islamic nation! O God-seeking warrior nation of Iran! As a continuation of the victorious battle of the marchers toward Husaynite Karbala' on the battlefronts of light against darkness, the fourth phase of the "Karbala'-1" operation, thanks to the brilliant epics created by the selfless sons of the Islamic Revolution, has turned yet another golden page in the glorious annals of our sacred defense in confronting world arrogance and its filthy hireling, Saddam's Ba'thist, Zionist regime!

The selfless combatants of the monotheistic army last night, in order to demonstrate their divine power in controlling and utterly dominating the operational sector and in further destroying the defeated forces of the Iraqi Army and utterly crushing any enemy attempt, commenced the fourth phase of the "Karbala'-1" operation on the other side of the Qalawizan Heights inside Iraqi soil, and succeeded in inflicting heavy losses on the enemy forces during a heavy battle, during which more than 1,600 Iraqis were killed or wounded, bringing the total number of casualties suffered by the forces of the criminal Iraqi regime to over 6,100. Islam's ever victorious forces succeeded in capturing more than 100 enemy troops during this battle and evacuated them behind the front, thereby raising the number of Iraqis captured during these operations to 1,230.

During this phase of the operation, Islam's anti-blasphemous troops succeeded in utterly crushing the enemy's desperate attempt, and by forcing the forces of the Iraqi army to flee, by completely destroying the 4th Iraqi Presidential Guards Brigade while attacking the heart of their positions, and by opening intense fire upon enemy lines, completely demolished the 5th Iraqi Presidential Guards Brigade.

During the victorious battle last night and today in the "Karbala'-1" operational theater, Islam's combatants succeeded in fully occupying a number of command headquarters, including the 4th and 5th Iraqi Presidential Guards Brigades' Command HQ's and in destroying a number of their armored personnel carriers.

In the course of the destruction of enemy positions Staff Brig Qadir 'Ali Nasir, commanding officer of the 4th Iraqi Presidential Guards Brigade, and his deputy, Staff Lieutenant Colonel Muhammad, and several senior commanders of that guard, were killed.

Similarly, the selfless forces of the Islamic homeland, while capturing the tactical headquarters of the Iraqi Army's 17th Armored Division and the 3d Special Forces Brigade, succeeded

in destroying the defeated Iraqi Army's 65th, 95th, and 24th Mechanized Brigades of the 10th Armored Division by 50 percent. Islam's combatants, by capturing new positions on the side of the Qalavizan Heights and by advancing deep inside the positions of the defeated Iraqi forces on the other side of the Mehran operational theater, and by deploying in their new positions inside Iraqi soil, have now moved to within 15 km of the Iraqi city of Badrah and are controlling every move by the enemy.

And there is no victory except through God, the glorious, the wise! [Koranic verse]

[Signed] Khatam ol-Anbiya' Headquarters, the Center for Joint Operations of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Iraqi Aircraft Downed

*LD041739 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT
4 Jul 86*

[Text] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in its communique for tonight [no number given] announced: At 0515 this morning one Iraqi aggressor aircraft planning to attack a passenger plane of the Islamic Republic of Iran near the country's northwestern border, turned into the path of a missile of one of the fighter-bombers of the army aviation force of the Islamic Republic of Iran and was brought down.

At 0620 also, another aggressor Iraqi aircraft in the Dehloran operational sector was fired on by the air-defense units of our combatants and was downed in Iraqi territory in the environs of Shaha'bi base. The fast-flying pilots of the Islamic Republic of Iran's air force, at 0852, 1122 and 1542 today, intensely bombed the positions, fortifications and armored forces of the enemy in the Mehran operational sector inside Iraqi territory and, inflicting heavy losses and casualties on the Zionist enemy, returned safely to base.

The brave men of the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, yesterday, in addition to carrying out their special missions conducted by their defense forces and subjecting the oil terminal of (?Al-Basr) of Iraq to their fire in their patrol and identification of passing ships operations, in the Hormuz Strait axis, were able to identify [as heard] three foreign oil tankers and, as nothing suspicious was found, they permitted these tankers to continue their journey.

During the past 24 hours, the majority of the enemy's air attacks on the western operational sectors of the country were foiled by the air defense units of the combatants of Islam and Iraq's aggressor aircraft were routed. In the defensive battle of the combatants of Islam on the northwestern battlefronts, one big ammunition dump of the Zionist enemy in the Darband Heights was destroyed and a number of enemy troops were killed. In the Hajj 'Umrani operational sector, the supply activities and operations of Iraqi forces were monitored and observed with precision by our forces. On the southern battlefronts of the country, the combatants of Islam, while defending the regions under their protection and while continuing to strengthen and fortify their

defensive positions, despatched patrols and executed retaliatory fire, inflicting some losses and casualties on Iraqi forces.

The Gendarmerie fighters, in their defensive operations yesterday protecting the positions and bases in the Bayat and Zobeydah operational sectors, killed a number of enemy troops and completely destroyed ten trenches, one ammunition depot and three heavy and light vehicles belonging to them. The city of Abadan was bought under the sporadic fire of the enemy yesterday.

Communique No 2,521

LD042005 Tehran IRNA in English 1935 GMT 4 Jul 86

[Text] Tehran, July 4, IRNA — Two Iraqi war planes were shot down by Iranian jet fighters and anti-aircraft fire in Iran's northwestern borders and in Dehloran, Ilam Province, Friday morning, said a military communique here. The Joint Staff communique number 2521 said that one of the Iraqi planes was attempting to attack an Iranian passenger plane over northwestern borders when it was hit and downed by an air-to-air missile of an Iranian jet fighter, at 0515 hours (0145 hours GMT). The other plane crashed inside Iraq near Iran's Shahabi outpost as it was hit by Iranian anti-aircraft fire at 0620 hours (0250 hours GMT), the communique said.

The communique said that Iranian jet fighters heavily bombed positions and armored units of Iraqi forces inside Iraq near Mehran at 0852, 1122 and 1542 hours (0522, 0752 and 1212 Hours GMT) Friday. The Iranian fighters after inflicting substantial casualties and losses on enemy troops returned safely to their bases. Iranian Muslim forces, the communique said, continued their shelling and bombing of Iraqi positions and armored units in continuation of the successful "Karbala'-1" operations Thursday and Friday.

The communique said that Iranian Navy shelled Iraq's Al-Bakr oil installations and also intercepted three oil tankers sailing under foreign flags in the Hormuz Strait Thursday but allowed them to continue voyage after being satisfied that they did not have any war-related materials aboard. Iranian anti-aircraft fire thwarted most Iraqi aerial attacks on the western fronts Thursday forcing Iraqi warplanes to flee, the communique said.

In the northwestern fronts, the communique said, several Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and one munitions depot of theirs destroyed during artillery duels with Iranian forces in Darband Heights Thursday. According to the communique Iranian Gendarmerie forces shelled Iraqi positions in Bayat and Zobeydah both in southern fronts Thursday killing or wounding a number of Iraqi soldiers and destroying 10 bunkers, one munitions dump and three light vehicles.

Iranian artillery fire hit Iraqi patrol units in Pich-e Angizeh, Sharhani, Bejliyah and in areas overlooking Khorramshahr Thursday forcing them to flee, the communique said. Iraqi engineering and supply operations in Hajj 'Umrani and Eynkhosh were checked by Iranian Muslim combatants, said the communique. Meanwhile, the city of Abadan, Khuzestan Province was target of sporadic Iraqi artillery fire from across the border Thursday.

334 Casualties in Bakhtaran, Ilam*LD042008 Tehran IRNA in English 1953 GMT 4 Jul 86*

[Text] Bakhtaran, Bakhtaran Prov., July 4, IRNA — A total of 334 Iraqi soldiers were killed and wounded over the past 24 hours in Bakhtaran and Ilam war fronts. Also five key munitions depots of the enemy two vehicles, one observation post as well as three tanks were destroyed.

Two Iraqi Battalions Smashed*LD051024 Tehran IRNA in English 1017 GMT 5 Jul 86*

[Text] Mehran, July 5, IRNA — Islamic combatants of Iran completely smashed two battalions of the 71st and 72d Brigades, the 35th Division of the First Iraqi Army, while repelling an enemy counter-offensive inside Iraq in the continuation of "Karbala'-1" offensive, Friday night. Irreparable blows were inflicted on Iraqi forces, a great number of whom were killed and many others captured.

Iraqi troops were forced to retreat to their previous positions after sustaining heavy losses and while several of their vehicles and personnel carriers were seized by the Islamic combatants.

Battle is continuing in Mehran operational theatre inside Iraqi territory by the two sides exchanging heavy and semi-heavy artillery. Meanwhile, the Islamic forces of Iran are strengthening their positions in an area 15 kms from Iraq's Badrah city.

'Strategic Heights' Captured*LD051619 Tehran IRNA in English 1610 GMT 5 Jul 86*

[Text] Mehran, July 5, IRNA — Muslim forces of Iran backed by heavy artillery fire are continuing their advance in Mehran region, local reports said here Saturday. The Muslim forces liberated strategic heights number 200 and 210 on Iraq's Qalavizan range, some 150 kms east of Baghdad, Friday night.

During the operation, heavy casualties and losses were inflicted on the Third Brigade of the Presidential Guards and on 71st Brigade of the 35th Division of Iraq's First Corps.

Iranian forces destroyed the tactical headquarters of the 17th Division of Iraq's [figure indistinct] Corps where they seized three command vehicles intact. At least 700 Iraqi soldiers were killed and or wounded [as received] and another 40 captured in the course of the operations.

Navy Hits Iraqi Ammunition Ship*LD051715 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 5 Jul 86*

[Text] According to a report from the Joint Staff Command, at 0530 this morning, Iranian Air Force jets bombed enemy troop

concentrations in the Mehran operational sector. Having inflicted heavy damage and casualties on the enemy, all our planes returned to their bases.

At 1930 hours yesterday [as heard] Our naval forces hit one large Iraqi Zionist naval target which was carrying ammunition in the Khawr 'Abdallah waters and destroyed it.

Communique Updates Attack on Ship*LD051742 Tehran IRNA in English 1735 GMT 5 Jul 86*

[Text] Tehran, July 5, IRNA — The Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran said in a later edition of its Communique Number 2522 here Saturday that at 19.30 hours local time Friday (16.00 hours GMT) the Iranian Navy had spotted an Iraqi ship carrying munitions in Khwar 'Abdallah north of the Bubiyan Island and shelled and blasted the Iraqi vessel.

Communique No 2,522*LD051728 Tehran IRNA in English 1710 GMT 5 Jul 86*

[Text] Tehran, July 5, IRNA — Iraqi troop sites were heavily bombed in Mehran region at 0530 hours (0200 hours GMT) Saturday by Iranian fighter bombers, which inflicted substantial casualties and losses on them, said a military communique here Saturday.

The Iranian fighters after successfully carrying out the bombing mission returned safely to bases, Joint Staff Communique Number 2522 said.

The communique said that Iranian Gendarmerie forces shelled Iraqi positions in Bayat and Zobeydah, southern fronts, killing or wounding at least 10 Iraqi soldiers and destroying several bunkers, observation posts and two heavy vehicles of theirs. Enemy fire was also silenced.

Exchange of artillery fire continued in the northwestern fronts Friday raging somewhat more heavily in Haji 'Umran, Kolah Shin and Shiller as a result of which some Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded and parts of their positions demolished, the communique said.

In Halaleh, the communique said Iranian Muslim forces opened fire on Iraqi positions in the southern fronts Friday inflicting heavy casualties and damage on them.

In Yebis, an Iraqi patrol unit attempting to infiltrate Iranian positions was hit and forced to flee by Iranian artillery fire.

Meanwhile, the city of Abadan, Khuzestan Province, was the target of sporadic Iraqi artillery fire Friday.